Composition of the European Parliament 2019-2024 parliamentary term

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PURPOSE: to establish the composition of the European Parliament.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: European Council Decision (EU) 2018/937 establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

CONTENT: the first subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) lays down the criteria for the composition of the European Parliament, namely:

- that representatives of the Union's citizens are **not to exceed 750 in number, plus the President**;
- that representation is to be degressively proportional, with a **minimum threshold of six members per Member State**, and that no Member State is to be allocated **more than 96 seats**.

Pursuant to this European Council Decision, the number of elected representatives in the European Parliament is **reduced from 751 to 705 for the 2019-2024 parliamentary term**.

The number of representatives in the European Parliament elected in each Member State for the 2019-2024 parliamentary term as follows:

- Belgium : 21
- Bulgaria : 17
- Czech Republic : 21
- Denmark : 14
- Germany : 96
- Estonia : 7
- Ireland : 13
- Greece : 21
- Spain: 59
- France : 79
- Croatia : 12
- Italy: 76
- Cyprus: 6
- Latvia: 8
- Lithuania : 11
- Luxembourg : 6
- Hungary : 21
- Malta: 6
- Netherlands : 29
- Austria : 19
- Poland : 52
- Portugal : 21
- Romania : 33
- Slovenia: 8
- Slovakia : 14
- Finland: 14
- Sweden : 21

However, the Decision stipulates that, in the event that the **United Kingdom** is still a Member State of the Union at the beginning of the 2019-2024 parliamentary term, the number of representatives in the European Parliament per Member State taking up office shall be that provided for in Article 3 of European Council Decision 2013/312/EU until the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union becomes legally binding.

Sufficiently far in advance of the beginning of the 2024-2029 parliamentary term, the European Parliament shall submit to the European Council a proposal for an updated allocation of seats in the European Parliament.

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